

1 [Acupuncture at General Hospital]

2 URGING GENERAL HOSPITAL AND ALL NON-PROFIT HOSPITALS IN SAN FRANCISCO
3 TO GRANT HOSPITAL PRIVILEGES TO ACUPUNCTURISTS WITH HOSPITALIZED
4 PATIENTS

5 WHEREAS, State Senator John Burton and Assemblywoman Carole
6 Migden sponsored legislation in 1997 including acupuncture as an
7 authorized health care treatment under the California Workers
8 Compensations System; and,

9 WHEREAS, A 1998 University of Stanford study shows that seventy
10 percent of Americans now turn to acupuncture and other alternative
11 forms of medicine; and,

12 WHEREAS, The World Health Organization has found acupuncture
13 effective for the treatment of over forty-three conditions including
14 allergies, asthma, back pain, colds and flu, depression, infertility,
15 insomnia, and stress; and,

16 WHEREAS, A 1996 study by the Department of Public Health shows
17 that nearly one third of all long-term HIV/AIDS survivors used
18 traditional Chinese medicine; and,

19 WHEREAS, Acupuncture is commonly used to improve immune systems
20 and the side effects of medications; and,

21 WHEREAS, General Hospital and most non-profit hospitals do not
22 allow non-physician acupuncturists to treat their patients who are
23 hospitalized there; and,

1 WHEREAS, San Francisco acupuncture clinics have long waiting
2 lists for people with HIV/AIDS seeking treatment; now, therefore, be
3 it

4 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors for the City and County
5 of San Francisco does hereby urge General Hospital and all non-profit
6 hospitals in San Francisco to grant hospital privileges to
7 acupuncturists with hospitalized patients.

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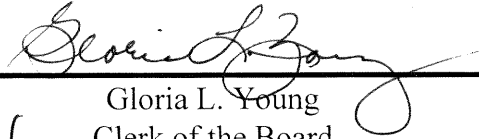
October 12, 1999 Board of Supervisors — ADOPTED

Ayes: 9 - Ammiano, Becerril, Bierman, Brown, Kaufman, Leno, Newsom, Teng,
Yee

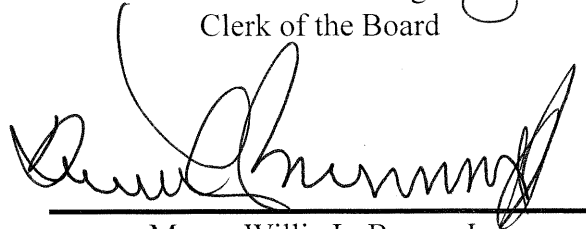
Absent: 2 - Katz, Yaki

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I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on October 12, 1999 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.



Gloria L. Young
Clerk of the Board



Mayor Willie L. Brown Jr.

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Date Approved